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1. IN LIGHT REFTELS, HAS EMBASSY GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO IDEA RAISED IN INSPECTION REPORT OF GIVING GRANTS DIRECTLY TO SELECTED TURKISH CANDIDATES? WOULD THIS BE FEASIBLE EVEN THOUGH CANDIDATES WERE UNABLE TO APPEAR FOR STANDARD INTERVIEWS OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN REGULAR PROGRAM PROCESSING?

2. WE ASSUME "TFSC" WOULD NOT GRANT EXIT PERMITS TO SUCH STUDENTS IF IT OPPOSED THIS IDEA; BUT WE WONDER IF, THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSION, BILGEHAN AND COLLEAGUES COULD BE PERSUADED TO ALLOW GRANT ACCEPTANCE IF CANDIDATES DID NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN REGULAR SELECTION PROCESS, THUS AVOIDING GREEK CYPRIOT INVOLVEMENT TO WHICH TURKS OBJECT.

3. ADVISE. KISSINGER

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